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SUBJECT: Independent Government Estimates (IGE)

1. Federal Acquisition Circular 97-01 was published on 22 August 1997. It changes the threshold for IGEs for A-E services (FAR 36.605(a)) from \$25,000 to \$100,000, effective 21 October 1997. (The threshold for construction IGEs (FAR 36.203(a)) is similarly changed.)

2. Although a formal IGE will not be required for an A-E contract action of \$100,000 or less, I encourage you to still do an informal or working estimate, which does not require review and approval, prior to receiving an A-E proposal. Preparation of an estimate using the detailed analysis method is the best way to prepare for negotiations.

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